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1. WE HAVE JUST NOTED THAT IN PART IV, PARA 20 OF REFERENCE THERE IS A MISLEADING STATEMENT CITED APROPOS PROPOSAL 1L04.

2. STATEMENT SHOULD BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: DELETE QTE AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT MIDDLE EAST WAR THE DENSITY OF ANTI-TANK MISSILES IN UNITS IS BEING INCREASED AND THE PRODUCTION OF MISSILES HAS BEEN ACCELERATED UNQTE, AND
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SUBSTITUTE QTE THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES EXPLAINED

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THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE 1973-1978 NATO FORCE GOALS, THE UNITED STATES INCREASED THE DENSITY OF ANTI-TANK MISSILES IN UNITS AND THE PRODUCTION OF MISSILES HAS BEEN ACCELERATED. SINCE FURTHER ACCELERATION OF PRODUC-TION IS NOT POSSIBLE, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED DRAGON MEDIUM RANGE MISSILE PROGRAM BY 1976 IS NOT POSSIBLE, THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO DEFER THE TARGET DATE FROM 1976 TO 1978 UNQTE.

3. THE POINT OF THE ABOVE CHANGE IS THAT THE DECISION TO GO FROM 18 TO 27 MISSILES IN UNITS WAS TAKEN BEFORE THE MID-EAST WAR. THE COMMENT ON 1L04 IN REFERENCE IMPLIES A

FURTHER INCREASE WHICH IS NOT PLANNED.

4. MISSION SHOULD DISCUSS THE ABOVE POINT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND STRAIGHTEN OUT FOR THE FINAL RECORD.

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